

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0057] On a side opposite from the slot 7, the applicator element 2 may have an opening 10 that enables the cavity 6 to be filled with substance. The opening 10 may extend along substantially the entire length of the walls 4.

Please replace paragraph [0081] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0081] The applicator element 2 may comprise two walls 4 having a shape that is curved in such a manner as to define a slot 7 that is outwardly concave, extending along a curved axis Y, for example, in the form of a portion of a circle or an arc of an ellipse, matching the bulging shape of nails.

Please replace paragraph [0088] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0088] Alternatively, the slot 7 may be interrupted by at least one bridge of material 25 that connects together the two walls 4 at a point other than at the ends of the slot 7, for example, as shown in Figure 15. The slot 21 may thus comprise a succession of orifices 26 separated by bridges of material 25.

Please replace paragraph [0090] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0090] In the exemplary embodiments described above, the opening 10 formed between the walls 4 is uninterrupted between its axial ends.

Please replace paragraph [0098] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0098] The walls 4 of the applicator element 2 enable the supply of substance contained in the cavity 6 to be protected while the applicator element is passing through the wiper 40.